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May 12, 2000

George Light

Senior Code Administrator

NeuStar, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Light:

On April 21, 2000, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") received an "Emergency Petition by AT&T Wireless Services for One Additional 508-NXX Code" ("Petition"). In the Petition, AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ("AWS") asserts that AT&T Local Services ("ALS") is in the process of returning five 508-NXX codes to NeuStar. Because AWS believes that it will run out of assignable telephone numbers in the 508 NPA in less than two months, AWS requests that the Department direct NeuStar to assign one of the ALS-returned 508-NXX codes to AWS (Petition at 1), and further requests that the Department instruct NeuStar to retain one of the returned 508-NXX codes in reserve until the Department rules on the merits of the Petition (id. at 1).

AWS contends that it qualifies for extraordinary relief and assignment of an additional 508-NXX code under the criteria established by the Department in its February 11, 2000 Letter Order (Petition at 2). AWS claims that it has demonstrated its readiness from a technical and marketing standpoint to provide service to prospective customers (id. at 3). AWS argues that the current code rationing does not allow for timely access to the numbering resources AWS needs in order to serve customers in the 508 NPA (id. at 3). AWS asserts that it has made reasonable attempts outside of the rationing process to obtain the necessary 508-NXX code (id. at 3).

The Department will review the data provided by AWS to determine the validity of its claim for the additional 508-NXX. However, the Department shares AWS' concern that

NeuStar might assign all of the returned 508-NXX codes before the Department rules on AWS' petition. On March 24, 2000, NeuStar, as the Code Administrator, announced that all NXX codes in the 508 NPA had been assigned and that no additional 508-NXX codes remained available. The paucity of numbering resources in the 508 NPA, combined with unmet carrier demand for numbering resources in the 508 NPA, creates a real risk that the five returned 508-NXX codes will be assigned to other carriers before the Department has had the opportunity to act on AWS' Petition, thus rendering the Petition moot. Therefore, the Department directs NeuStar to reserve one of the five returned ALS 508-NXX codes until the Department rules on the merits of AWS' Petition.

By Order of the Department,

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